Government comprises not only the expenditure of the two Secretariats and various Ministries involved in various items of Parliamentary work but also of several Public Sector Undertakings involved in this work. In view of these inherent limitations, it is not practicable to compile the requisite information in a meaningful manner.

Progress made by SIT in Rajiv Gandhi Assassination Case

1437. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SIT, investigating into the LTTE involvement in the assassination of the former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, has unearthed huge deposits of arms and ammunitions, including its manufacturing facilities, of the Sri Lankan terrorists in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the SIT has traced out many Indians who are suspected to have provided active assistance to the LTTE in perpetratng violence and other unlawful activities on Indian soil;

(c) if so, the number of suspects who have so far been detained and booked under TADA and other Acts separately; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the investigators had also conducted raid in the premises of a Member of Parliament in this connection and detected unauthorised deposit of gold bars and foreign currencies from there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on Table of the House.

Progress made by SIT in Rajiv Gandhi Murder Case

1438. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWAS RAO RAMRAO PATIL:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made by the SIT in its investigation into Rajiv Gandhi murder case and whether any further evidenec to fix the culprits has been achieved; and

(b) whether there is any evidence apart from involvement of terrorists, trained by Pakistan, of any other country being responsible in planning the murder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) SIT has so far examined 400 witnesses, conducted searches at 52 places and seized about a thousand documents. 16 accused persons including nine Srilankans have been arrested; of them, one committed suicide following his escape from custody. Two main accused Sivarasan and Subha were also traced to their hideout in Bangalore and during the operation to arrest them, they committed suicide. Investigation is in progress.

(b) These matters are still under investigation and revealing of details at this stage may not be in the interest of the case.

Compensation for Deaths in Police Custody

1439. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Starred Question 128 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether Government have paid any compensation to the next of kin of the deceased; and

(b) what action Government have taken and propose to take to prevent the police atrocities on the citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) There is no scheme to pay compensation to the next of kin of the deceased persons who died in police custody.

(b) Instructions have been reiterated to treat accused persons in accordance with law and to avoid resorting to third degree methods at all costs.

2. Investigating Officers have been enjoined upon to adopt modern scientific methods such as use of lie detectors, dog squad, etc.

3. Supervisory Officers have been enjoined upon to visit Police Stations regularly.

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1440. **डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार बैन:** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 13 अगस्त, 1991 के "स्टेट्समैन" में "नीड टू रिव्यू टाइज विद इजराइल" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि इजराइल तथा अन्य अरब राष्ट्र शांति की स्थापना हेतु आपसी परामर्श से कोई हल निकालने के लिये तत्पर हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि हम यह चाहेंगे कि विश्व के अधिकतर राष्ट्र हमारे औद्योगिक, राजनैतिक तथा आर्थिक विकास में सहायता प्रदान करें ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार बदली हुई परिस्थितियों में इजराइल के साथ घनिष्ट सम्बन्ध बनाने के लिये अपनी वर्तमान नीति में परिवर्तन करेगी तथा इस संबंध में कुछ व्यावहारिक कदम उठायेगी, और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एड्वार्डो फेलेरियो): (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) मध्य पूर्व शान्ति समाधान पर संबंधित अरब राज्यों और इजराइल के बीच द्विपक्षीय बातचीत शुरू करवाने के लिए अमरीका तथा सोवियत संघ द्वारा सहप्रायोजित शान्ति सम्मेलन बुलाने से सम्बद्ध प्रस्ताव पर सक्रिय रूप से विचार-विमर्श किया जा रहा है।

(ग) भारत आपसी हित के लिए अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग के संवर्धन के प्रति वचनबद्ध है ।

(घ) इजराइल के साथ संबंधों को सामान्य बनाना इस बात पर निर्भर करता है कि फिलिस्तीनी मसले के समाधान की दिशा में कितनी वास्तविक प्रगति हुई है ।

Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 1991

1441. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

SHRI BHADRESHWAR BURAGOHAIN:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 1991 has not been assented to by the President so far;